

LAST EDITION  
10 PAGES  
FEAR SUICIDE;  
BRIDE IN TEARS

Mysterious Disappearance of  
Capt. W. A. Johnson Being  
Probed by Police.  
WAS ONCE A WEALTHY MAN

Police are making a vigorous search for Capt. W. A. Johnson, whose mysterious disappearance has driven his frantic bride to the verge of suicide. The bride has been seen in the city, but she has not been seen since.

THE MISSING MAN.  
Capt. Johnson is described as being 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, weighs 170 pounds, is a native of Utah, and was a member of the Utah National Guard. He was last seen on Nov. 25, and had not been seen since.

FINANCIAL REVERSES.  
On leaving South Africa, it is said, Capt. Johnson came west and engaged in mining ventures in Nevada and Utah. He sank a large fortune in developing claims near Yerington, Nev., where he married a beautiful girl, 21 years of age, just before he left for the west.

DAIRIES IMPROVING.  
Commissioner Frazier Returns from Trip to Pleasant Grove.  
After J. Frazier, city food and dairy commissioner, returned from Pleasant Grove last night, where he has been inspecting a number of dairies. He found that the sanitary conditions had greatly improved and that by the time the work is completed in remodeling the milk plants, Mr. Frazier says that they will be above the standard.

FUNERAL OF M. J. CHEESMAN.  
The funeral of the late Morton Jewett Cheesman, who died suddenly at his home, 222 South Temple, early Tuesday morning, will not be held until Saturday, Mrs. Robert Campbell.

DOMINION AT LIVERPOOL.  
White Star Liner in Port With Utah And Idaho Passengers.

A telegram received this morning at the office of the First Presidency from the Montreal office of the White Star Dominion Steamship company, announces the arrival of the steamer Dominion at Liverpool early this morning. On board were: Clarence Shaw, Thomas B. Whiting, Clarence Shaw, Hilmar Nelson, David E. Ostler, John B. Knight, Byron Whiting, John B. Hirst, Salt Lake; Joseph Hargrett, Chester James Hind, Smithfield; Fred C. Clark, Almer, William B. Park, Forest Dale, Robert Shepherd, Murray; George Burge, Midway; Thomas B. Meldrum, Provo; Richard Bird, Mapleton; L. R. Christensen, Fairview; Gustav Larson, Garland; H. J. Mortenson, Jr., Fairview; Hylrum Anderson, Fairview; Joseph Christensen, Mayfield; Peter A. D. Pederson, Brigham; Amos C. Nelson, Edin, Brigham; Alfred Erickson, Smithfield; Heber S. Johnson, Richmond; Clarence Johnson, Tooele; Herbert L. Spencer, Paris, Idaho; S. R. Gardner, Arvon; W. Gustave E. Olson, Midvale; John H. Davis, R. H. Widing, Sugar City, Idaho; and other Utah and Idaho passengers.

MORTON FREWEN LECTURE.  
English Economist to Talk Tonight on "Silver and Oriental Trade."  
"Silver and the Oriental Trade" will be the subject of a lecture to be given tonight at the Commercial club by Morton Frewen, English political economist and monetary authority. The address will be open to the business men of the city generally whether or not members of the club.

UTAH'S SCHOOL CENSUS.  
Increase of Two Thousand Children of School Age in the Year.  
The school census for Utah is 194,576 for 1909 as compared to 192,056 for 1908, an increase of 2,520 school children. In Salt Lake county outside of the city there are 9,085 this year as compared with 8,745 last year, an increase of 340. Salt Lake City had a school population of 20,111 in 1908 and this year the population shows an increase of 995 or a total of 21,107.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.  
(Special Correspondence.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Postmasters appointed: Utah—Schofield, Carbon county, Frank H. Smith vice A. Greenleaf, resigned.  
Idaho—Ayco, Blaine county, William G. Sweet vice O. B. Fletcher, resigned. Weitz, Bonner county, John W. Lindstrom vice E. B. Sloan, resigned.  
William A. Sweet has been appointed rural carrier, Route 1, at Parma, Idaho.

RUEF TO BE EXAMINED AS TO STATE OF HEALTH.  
San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Judge Cabanis issued today an order that Abraham Ruef be examined by a board of three physicians to be appointed by the court, to determine whether or not he should be admitted to bail on the ground that confinement in the county jail is menacing his health.

HARRIET G. MOTT DEAD.  
Was Sister of Bidwell Brothers, Most Notorious Forgers of Last Century.  
Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 1.—A life of sisterly devotion that has few equals in history was brought to a close by the death yesterday at the age of 78 years, of Mrs. Harriet G. Mott, sister to the notorious Bidwell brothers, who made themselves famous in the latter part of the nineteenth century by their \$1,000,000 swindle of the Bank of England.

PRECIOUS STONES IMPORTATIONS.  
New York, Dec. 1.—Unless all signs fail, 1909 will prove the banner year in the importation of precious stones. Although the first nine months of the calendar year, the New York appraiser estimates that this year's entries of gems of all kinds will exceed \$2,000,000. The greatest imports in any year heretofore were in 1908 when the total reached \$1,600,000. Experts say that the country is in an excellent position to handle an excellent indication of business conditions throughout the country.

INDUSTRIAL LEADERS ARRESTED.  
Spokane, Wash., Dec. 1.—Five leaders of the industrial workers of the world were arrested last night under warrants charging conspiracy to incite riots. They are held in the county jail pending release being placed at \$5,000 in each case, none of which has been furnished. Among those arrested is Elizabeth Gure, 37 years of age, a woman who has been particularly active. Warrants are out for the arrest of several other conspirators charged with a state law. If convicted they may be imprisoned two years.

PRISONER COMMITS SUICIDE.  
Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 1.—Ous Bertin, wanted in Arkansas for alleged murder and in Texas for alleged robbery, committed suicide today in the city prison here by hanging.

ASQUITH TAKES UP GAGE OF BATTLE

Will Move Resolution That Lords' Refusal to Pass Budget Was Breach of Constitution.

COMMONS' RIGHTS USURPED.

Will Go Into Question of Privileges And State in Detail Government's Intentions.

London, Dec. 1.—Premier Asquith announced today in the house of commons that tomorrow he would move a resolution that the action of the house of lords in refusing to pass the budget was a breach of the constitution and an usurpation of the rights of the house of commons. When the premier entered the chamber this afternoon the supporters of the government rose and greeted him with ringing cheers.

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN WILL OPEN IN EARLY JANUARY, when David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, and Winston Churchill, president of the house of commons, will deliver speeches and with the exception of a brief respite at Christmas, will continue the fight until election day.

THE LABORERS' ALLIANCE, which has been organized to arrange their campaign and efforts are being made, and with some success, to prevent a three-cornered contest. As a part of this program the laborers will be asked to elect a delegate to the annual conference of the British labor party, where the latter is stronger.

THE ELECTION IN IRELAND will be the most interesting since 1885. The laborers' alliance, which has been organized to arrange their campaign and efforts are being made, and with some success, to prevent a three-cornered contest.

WIFE STOPS JOY RIDE WITH A BULLET.  
Oklmulgee, Okla., Dec. 1.—When Mrs. B. Coleman, young and pretty, suspected her husband of infidelity yesterday she hired a saddle horse, straddled it, and rode to the main street here, "joy riding" with another woman.

When Coleman tried to get out of the automobile his wife opened fire, one bullet striking him in the spine. Another man and woman were in the machine and these, reinforced by the police, returned Mrs. Coleman's fire. More than 20 shots were fired, which had the machine and the chauffeur tried to escape in the automobile, but ran it upon the curb and it overturned.

In the meantime Mrs. Coleman had dismounted and when the machine overturned it struck her and broke two of her ribs. The police then captured her, and she is now in the jail hospital. Her husband is not expected to live.

MRS. L. A. HOLDREDGE WAS NOT BURIED ALIVE.  
Tillamook, Or., Dec. 1.—An impression that Mrs. L. A. Holdredge, one of the victims of the wreck of the steamer Argo, was buried alive gained such strong foothold after the funeral ceremony yesterday that 20 persons of the city went to the cemetery, three miles out of town at midnight, exhumed the body and re-examination by physicians showed that she was dead before she was buried. The fact that the woman was still alive seems to have arisen from the fact that her face was highly colored and her body and limbs relaxed at the time burial was made.

TWELVE ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS IN LAUNDRY.  
Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 1.—When A. H. Riddle of Rock City, Iowa, stopped off here for a few days and incidentally sent out his laundry, he neglected to remove 12 \$100 bills, which had been sewed in an undergarment for safe keeping. Remembering the money, he called at the laundry expecting to learn that it had been destroyed in the washing process. He found instead that the young lady who does the marking had discovered the bills and turned them over to the proprietor. They were returned to Riddle intact and he proceeded to buy costly presents for all concerned as a reward for honesty. Riddle is returning to his home from a successful sojourn in Alaska.

STREET FIGHT IN KILLAMA

One Man Killed, Deputy Marshal And Another Probably Fatally Wounded.

IT GREW OUT OF OLD KILLING

Victim's Brother Marshal and Deputies To Task for His Death, Quarrel And Shooting Followed.

Kiefer, Okla., Dec. 1.—One man was killed and two probably fatally wounded in a street fight with revolvers here today. The shooting grew out of the killing of a month ago of Homer Ooley, a gambler, by Marshal R. P. Hightower. When Melvin Ooley, Homer's brother, met Marshal Hightower and Deputy Marshal Gooch, he took them to task for the death of his brother. The argument waxed warm and finally Ooley drew a revolver and shot Gooch, inflicting a fatal wound. As Gooch dropped to the ground, Ooley struck him about the head with a rifle stock. Hightower who had been taken by surprise, had by this time drawn his revolver and began firing. Ooley struck the fire and in the exchange of shots Ooley was killed and Boxley, a bystander, was shot in the head and probably fatally wounded.

For a time following the affray a pitched battle between the friends of Ooley and the sheriff was threatened.

RICKARD'S BID MAY GET FIGHT.  
(Special to The News.)  
Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 1.—Bids for the Johnson-Jeffries fight opened here today and final awards will be made in 24 hours. From all indications the bid of Tex Rickard for Salt Lake or Ely, Nevada, will be accepted. He offers \$101,000 and 66.2-3 per cent of picture privileges.

Bids from all over the country have been received and while some were as high as \$125,000, they demanded all privileges for their clubs. Inside information makes it seem almost certain that Rickard's bid will be accepted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Bids for the championship between J. J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson were opened this morning in Hoboken, N. J., and the result of the numerous and large offers made, it was decided to postpone the selection of the battleground for 24 hours. The offers for the fight were the largest ever made for a prize ring encounter.

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John Gleason of San Francisco, in commission of James Coffroth, submitted a bid of \$124,000 for a fight on July 4 at either the Utah or California club or Ocean View or San Francisco, reserving full rights to the picture proceeds. Gleason agreed, if the bid was accepted, immediately to deposit a check for \$10,000. Gleason made a second proposition of a purse of \$75,000 and 66.2-3 per cent of the picture receipts. A third proposition provided an offer of 80 per cent of the gross receipts and 66.2-3 per cent of the picture receipts. Coffroth agreed to deposit \$10,000 if the offer was accepted.

A cablegram was received from Hugh D. McIntosh of Australia offering \$7,500 to each of the fighters for a contest in that country; \$6,000 to each fighter for a contest in either England or France, and \$10,000 to each fighter for a contest in Australia. No check accompanied the offer and McIntosh's bid was not accepted.

R. M. Rickard, of Ely, Nev., submitted a bid in which he offered \$10,000 in cash and a check for \$4,000 for a fight on July 4 in either Utah or California, and a cash purse of \$101,000 and 66.2-3 per cent of the receipts of the moving pictures. If the bid was accepted Rickard agreed to deposit within 48 hours before the fight.

EGG SE PITS ON BOLD FRONT

Switchmen's Union and Railroads Claim to Have the Situation Well in Hand.

BOTH ARE STANDING FIRM.

No Attempt Made to Bring in Strikebreakers—Ten Thousand Men Will Be Thrown Out of Work.

St. Paul, Dec. 1.—Both sides in the controversy between the railroads and the switchmen's union have stood firm in their determination to hold out for an increase of 6 cents an hour in wages, with double time for overtime, while the railroads claim that things will adjust themselves to their normal conditions within a few days despite the walkout. While none new men have been employed at passenger stations, so far as could be learned early this morning, no freight trains have been run since the strike began. The railroads claim that there are enough old men left, together with others that can be pressed into service, to do the work.

No freight was handled out of St. Paul last night or this morning and only one train left Minneapolis that afternoon. The strike was declared. Railroad officials, train dispatchers and members of the train crews had the switching in the Twin City yards. The freight handlers at the Minnesota transfer, the freight gateway of the Northwest, following instructions, did not report for work this morning.

All freight trains are being handled by the switchmen at a standstill this morning. It is said that should the strike last, fully 10,000 men will be thrown out of work at the head of the line. The strike order was generally followed between here and the Pacific coast and where traffic was not entirely stopped, it was seriously delayed. In most places freight trains were sidetracked, as at Missoula, Great Falls, Livingston, Grand Forks, Fargo, Mandan, Jamestown and Havre, and agents refused to accept freight cars.

At some points in Montana, as at Billings and Helena, all the switchmen do not strike, some of them belonging to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Reports from Wallace, Butte, Forsyth and Paradise are that the men refused to strike and that freight is being handled. It was reported here this morning that the members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen would also strike, but this could not be confirmed. It is said today that the moral and financial support of the National Railway association is being given to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in this effort to overcome union rule.

An indication of the far-reaching effect of the strike, should it be prolonged, is shown in a dispatch from Butte, Montana, where immense copper mines and smelters are located. They are wholly dependent on the railroads for the shipment of their products. Inability to ship coke to the smelters will cause a suspension of operations and fully ten thousand men would become idle. A summary of the switchmen's strike in Montana shows 26 out at Livingston; 12 at Glendive; 7 at Billings; 10 at Helena; 8 at Butte; 35 at Deer, Avery and Bonanza; 10 at Great Falls; 10 at Salt Lake; 30 at Paradise; and Wallace Idaho; 50 at Great Falls and 50 at Havre.

TIE-UP OF TRAFFIC PRACTICALLY COMPLETE.  
Duluth, Minn., Dec. 1.—Only two switch engines are working today at the head of the lake and the result of traffic resulting from the strike of the switchmen is practically complete. If the situation is not quickly remedied 10,000 men will be out of work here within 48 hours.

The railroads, mines, coal docks, ore docks, elevators, blast furnaces and all other industries will continue to be paralyzed. The Northern Pacific has two engines in operation. The grain men have been perhaps the heaviest hit by the strike. The local market is in confusion today with the prospect of heavy losses. Every man engaged in the handling of grain faces loss through being forced to break contracts. A delay of even a few hours is serious, for the export of all boats and cargoes on the lake expires Dec. 2.

THINK BATTLE WILL BE FOUGHT IN EAST.  
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 1.—Railroad officials said today that, notwithstanding the switchmen's strike, they would deliver to merchants all the freight that arrived. Yardmasters continue to make up the trains. The feeling seems to be that the battle will be fought out in the east.

A few older of the switchmen are expected to return today, the railroad officials say. The employment of 10,000 men, if attempted, probably would lead to strikes of men belonging to other unions than the switchmen.

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Seattle Gold Receipts.  
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 1.—The season of heavy gold receipts at the United States assay office in Seattle ended last night with a total of \$11,732,428 for the six months beginning June 1. This is a falling off of \$7,714,142 from the same period in 1908. Lack of water for sluicing has operated this year against a larger yield of gold, according to reports made by returning Alaskan.